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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: INDIA/PAKISTAN, U.S.-INDIA
NUCLEAR DEAL, NEPAL, PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS IN
AFGHANISTAN; NEW DELHI.

This countrywide cable reports on relevant media
reaction/opinion from India's large non-English press.
The Mission reports on English-language media via email
through the daily "Early Edition" summary.

INDIA/PAKISTAN

¶1. "TALKS WITH PAKISTAN," editorial in August 25 Hindi
daily, DAINIK JAGRAN: "There are indications that
Pakistan is pressuring India to start the composite
bilateral dialogue. Our strategists should get alert,
and no softness should be shown toward Pakistan. Any
dialogue under the present circumstances is
meaningless. India should assert that it cannot forget
the Mumbai terrorist attacks. It should also be
clarified that in the name of the war against terror
Pakistan may succeed in fooling the U.S. as it is doing
in Waziristan, but India will not fall into this trap."

U.S.-INDIA NUCLEAR DEAL

¶2. "NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION AND INDIA," editorial in
the August 26 centrist Marathi daily, SAKAAL: "The
U.S.-India nuclear treaty does not seem to be talked
about much these days. The Obama administration does
not seem committed to the earlier administration's

decision to allow New Delhi to buy U.S. reactors and nuclear fuel. One can sense a veiled pressure on India to become a signatory to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. That means President Obama, and particularly some of his picks like Robert J Einhorn, the special advisor for non-proliferation and arms control, seem to be trying ways to dilute the bargain contained in the 'India Exemption' of the NSG waiver last year. Secretary Clinton's choice of Einhorn is itself a very telling comment on how the basic contours of the U.S.-India treaty are being slowly changed."

NEPAL

¶3. "SIGNIFICANCE OF INDIAN AID TO NEPAL," op-ed in August 25 Hindi daily, DAINIK HINDUSTAN: "India will provide a 20-million-rupee aid for Nepal's rail links and road network. An amended trade agreement was signed during Nepali PM Madhav Kumar's India-visit, despite tremendous domestic pressure on the latter not to go for any agreement. An India-Nepal extradition treaty worries Pakistan greatly. For the first time, India has given a fitting reply to China's plans to build a rail network in the Himalayas. Apart from the strategic importance for India of the rail network in Nepal, it will add to the economic development of the Terai region between the two nations."

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PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS IN AFGHANISTAN

¶4. "TRUTH BEHIND ELECTORAL DISPUTES," editorial in August 25 right-of-center Urdu daily, MUNSIF: "It is said that no alien power can control Afghan people. America is now experiencing what Russia once did. Although Karzai is an American stooge he wants to have a peace agreement with the Taliban which is not in the interest of America. The policy of the U.S. and other western nations is to divide and rule -- to keep warring factions away from any settlement."
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